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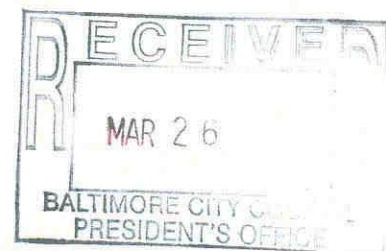
The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to respond to Council Bill 11-0004. The purpose of the bill is to require certain late-night commercial operations to be licensed, to impose certain penalties and generally relating to the licensing and regulation of late-night commercial operations.

BCHD is tasked with licensing and regulating all food facilities in the City. BCHD also regularly inspects all City-licensed food vendors to ensure compliance with both state and local laws and regulations. Council Bill 11-0004 directs the Finance Department to “adopt the rules, regulations and forms to carry out this subtitle.” This bill does not directly affect BCHD’s ability to license and regulate the City’s food facilities as it currently does.

We respectfully suggest that in addition to granting the Finance Department authority to adopt such rules, regulations, and forms, that this legislation be amended to dually authorize the Department of Zoning with the ability to enforce the licensure, rules and regulations.

While we appreciate the opportunity to discuss the implications of this bill, we respectfully defer to the agencies tasked with licensing and enforcing these new requirements.

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